

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the present amendment, claim 1 was amended as the embodiment and is currently encompassed in amended claim 5. Claim 3 was amended to correspond to the preamble to claim 1 from which it depends. Claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 23 and 26 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. Claims 4, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20-22, 24, 25, 27-31 have amended to make them dependent claims. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any of the deleted subject matter in a further divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application. The Preliminary Amendment does not contain new matter.

In order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823, Applicants are submitting herewith (1) a Sequence Listing in paper form; (2) a Sequence Listing in computer readable form (a 3.5" floppy diskette) in the ASCII format and (3) a statement (set forth below) that the paper form and the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing are the same.

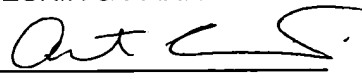
In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825 the undersigned verifies that the paper form of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the above Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Please calculate the claim fee for the application once the amendment has been entered.

Should the Examiner like to discuss the matter, he/she is kindly requested to contact Anita Nador at 416-957-1684 at his/her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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